

**Report to:** Community Protection Panel

**Date:** 17th September 2007

**Subject:** Development of Performance Indicators for a New Local Area Agreement

**Report of:** Director of Environmental Services

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**Purpose/summary:** To advise panel of the process for developing a "New LAA" and to discuss the opportunities for consultation on what priorities should be considered for inclusion in the LAA from April 2008.

**Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended:** None

**Recommendation/decision:** That panel acknowledge the timetable for developing the LAA and note the opportunities for consultation on priorities.

**Key Decision:** This report does not involve a key decision.

**Risks/Implications:**

Financial:	None at this time
Staffing:	N/a
Policy:	N/a
Equal Opportunities - has a Diversity Impact Assessment been conducted?	No
Wards affected:	All

**Property – Does the proposal involve a reduction, addition or change to the Council’s asset base or its occupation?**

No

**Does this proposal have significant implications for the Council and the local population?**

A diversity impact assessment is not necessary at this stage, however, equality and diversity implications have been considered when producing this report.

**Does this proposal involve a new policy or procedure or significant changes to an existing policy or procedure?**

A diversity impact assessment has been undertaken and is attached as an appendix to this report.

Has the Director of Legal and Property Services confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council’s Constitution? **Yes/No \***

Has the Director of Finance and IT confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? **Yes/No \***

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? **Yes/No \***

\* delete which applicable

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Categorisation of the report:	<b>x</b>
Discussion leading to a decision	
Monitoring	
Sharing for corporate understanding	

Discussion	
Decision	
Information	

**Tracking/Process:**

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2007			

Proper Officer Martin Kimber

Date 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007

## **1.0 Background:**

- 1.1 In April 2005, Wigan Council entered into its first Local Area Agreement (LAA) with government. Since that time, government have been working on further developing the mechanisms for ensuring that local partnerships focus activity around those issues that matter most to local communities.
- 1.2 The government white paper “Strong and Prosperous Communities” focuses on the need for the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) to act as “Strategic Commissioner” for a borough approach to providing responsive services that are based on community needs and aspirations. The LSP will do this by using the Local Area Agreement as a mechanism for driving performance across a range of issues. Wigan will develop a new LAA to take effect from April 2008.

## **2.0 The New LAA**

- 2.1 Development of a “New LAA” commenced earlier this year and is following a timetable agreed by partners (Appendix A) in order to ensure that the necessary tasks are completed in time.
- 2.2 The LAA will be themed in four blocks of work:
  - Healthier Communities and Older People Block
  - Children and Young People Block
  - Economic Development and Enterprise Block
  - Safer and Stronger Communities Block
- 2.3 The LAA will consist of a set of 35 priority indicators across the four blocks. An additional 18 indicators will also be used from the Department for Education and Skills.
- 2.4 The 35 indicators that will make up our LAA will be negotiated with Government Office North West, and drawn from a long list of 200 indicators. The long list of 200 indicators is still being developed by government, but once finalised, will become the performance framework for assessing how an area performs. The 35 indicators we decide on should represent the issues that are most important in terms of the need to improve delivery and the priorities identified by our communities.
- 2.5 A proportion of the 35 indicators will be allocated to the Safer Stronger Communities Block and it is expected that the LSP will task the Community Safety Partnership with achieving those indicators.
- 2.6 It is also expected, although it has not been confirmed, that previous funding streams, that were ring-fenced for Community Safety activity in the past, will now form part of a broader LAA funding stream, and the LSP will allocate resources from that funding stream to each partnership, for the purposes of achieving the LAA indicators.

- 2.7 It is therefore essential that the indicators we propose for inclusion in the LAA are the right indicators and that we can support our recommendations with evidence.

### **3.0 Developing the Proposed Indicators**

- 3.1 A group of key stakeholders met on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007 to identify a range of outcome measures that represent what the partnership needs to achieve if we are to create Safer and Stronger Communities. This preliminary work will be shared with lead officers working on the other three blocks on the 10<sup>th</sup> September at the LAA Working Group. Any cross cutting themes will be identified and discussion from this group will inform the recommendations that will be made to the LSP as to what our LAA priorities should be.
- 3.2 In addition, from the draft set of 242 indicators that have been proposed by government (this will be reduced to 200 by April 2008) we have identified those indicators which most closely align to the outcome measures we have chosen.

### **4.0 Partnership Consultation**

- 4.1 In order to ensure that the Partnership has the opportunity to influence the suggested indicators that will be proposed to the LSP, and government, for inclusion in the LAA, it is intended that the Community Safety Partnership Workshop, scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> September, will focus on this issue. The range of suggested outcome measures and associated indicators will be presented, along with the evidence that is available to support the need to include them in the LAA. Partners will be asked for their views, to input and feedback, in relation to whether we are proposing the right set of indicators.
- 4.2 It is also intended that we will identify all sources of funding that are currently used to achieve outcomes, so that we may make accurate representation to the LSP in relation to the investment that will be required to achieve the proposed set of indicators.
- 4.3 The proposed set of indicators will be tabled for comment by panel members on 17<sup>th</sup> September, following the working group meeting scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007. They are not available at time of writing.
- 4.4 Following consultation and prior to the final submission to the LSP for consideration, the list of proposed indicators will be ratified by the Community Safety Executive which is next due to meet on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

## **5.0 Conclusions:**

- 5.1 The Community Protection Panel is invited to comment on the process that we are proposing to follow, to establish the Safer and Stronger priorities for the “New LAA”.
- 5.2 The Panel is also invited to comment on the draft proposed indicators which will be available on 17<sup>th</sup> September for information.
- 5.3 The panel is asked to note the content of the timetable for developing the LAA (Appendix A) and also asked to encourage partners and stakeholders to take advantage of the further consultation opportunity at the Community Safety Partnership Workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

## Developing the new LAA and Community Plan – Outline timetable 2007/8

	LAA Development	Community Plan	Strategic commissioning and service planning	Other Key tasks / funding
	SMG	LSP Board	Officer Group	Others
<b>May 07</b>	Early work / local need / evidence base for work / intervention options	Board approval for new process. Consolidate PMF for CP.	4 options for SC pilots	
<b>June</b>	Agree with LSP and SMG – long list for priorities	Outline framework for new Community Plan	Pilot selected – scoping and project plan Service planning cycle starts	Commence NRF and other programme evaluation
<b>July</b>	Consultation with LSP, partners and other stakeholders	Report new process to all partnerships, townships etc.,		Review current NRF/ LAA/CF/ POPP projects
<b>August</b>	Continue	Continue		Review non partnership / external funded programmes
<b>September</b>	GONW Workshop – focus on draft priorities	LAA targets – role of long term community plan?	Council Budget setting commences	
<b>October</b>	Current projects and activities – commissioning and mainstream decisions required	Local consultation – via Townships, Partnerships, Networks		If projects not mainstreamed refer to LSP for other funding options
<b>November</b>	New service / activity – commissioning to commence	Continue		
<b>December</b>	Implementation plans for all key activities commence	Impact assessment for all key themes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equality and Diversity</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> <li>• Health</li> </ul>		If projects not supported by LSP then transitional arrangements / taper to end
<b>January 08</b>			Commissioning decisions confirmed	
<b>February</b>		Partnership Convention		
<b>March</b>	LAA – delivery plan agreed	Community Plan – long term vision - principles - values		
<b>April</b>				
<b>May</b>				
<b>June 08</b>	New LAA signed / launched			